



# Alaska

## Baptist Messenger



The Alaska Baptist Convention exists to assist congregations to **SEEK** Christ, **SHARE** Christ, **STRENGTHEN** Congregations, **START** congregations and **SEND** Christians.

***Deadline to sign up for meals and childcare  
is April 8!***

*Sign up online at [www.alaskabaptistconvention.com](http://www.alaskabaptistconvention.com) (childcare is birth-K only)*

**2012 Women on Mission Celebration**

**SET FREE**

**April 12-14 • First Baptist Church Anchorage  
with special guest Wanda Lee, National WMU  
Executive Director/Treasurer**

**Break-outs include:**

- How to Pray for Exploited Peoples
- My Time With You
- Crafting Prayer Blankets
- Being Fit and Healthy
- How to Organize a WMU in Your Church
- Baptist Nursing Fellowship
- Acteens
- Youth on Mission
- Adults on Mission
- Women on Mission
- GAs
- Children in Action
- Mission Friends

**Thursday, April 12**

**5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**(dinner offered with registration by April 8)**

**Friday, April 13**

**9:00 a.m. - Noon; 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

**(lunch and dinner on your own)**

**Saturday, April 14**

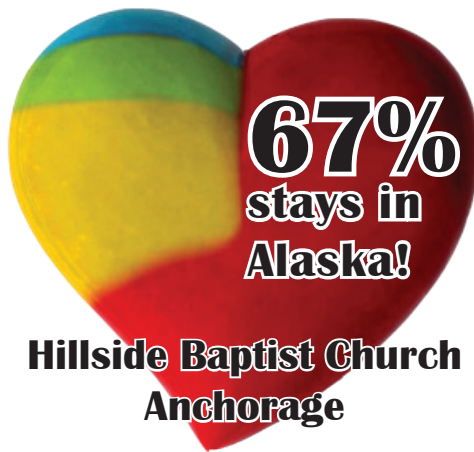
**9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**(lunch offered with registration by April 8)**

**Sign up by April 8 to enjoy two meals!**

**COST: \$45 (at the door)**

**Your Cooperative Program giving  
impacts Alaska churches....**



I have always said I am a 'Baptist' because Baptists are "People of the Book"; I am a 'Southern Baptist' because of the Cooperative Program (CP). Although there are several different methods churches use to fulfill the Great Commission (and I have seen many in my military travels), I know of none better than the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). The CP is the greatest program devised for the fulfilling of the Great Commission.

The CP allows churches of any size to support mission work. Through this cooperative effort, churches with only a few members and those with thousands of members contribute together as partners to form a synergism allowing more to be accomplished than could possibly be



*Pastor Garry and Sheila Loeffler*

accomplished by any individual church. No single church can do what the CP does in supporting thousands of missionaries at home and abroad, while at the same time

supporting educational institutions, disaster relief and many other programs.

The CP allows missionaries to focus on fulfilling their call, "Go into all the world..." (Mark 15:16) without concerns of fulfilling God's mandate to provide for their families (1 Timothy 5:8).

William Carey, who is often called the "Father of Modern Missions," was told that going to India with the gospel was like "descending into a deep dark mine," to which Carey replied, "I will venture to go down, but remember that you must hold the ropes." Because of the CP, today SBC missionaries can rest assured they are not on their own. There are many devoted Christians "holding the ropes" for them and watching out for their current and future welfare so they, like William Carey, can focus on fulfilling God's mission.

Through the CP, every person can participate in a comprehensive outreach to the whole world.

## God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
<b>Chugach Baptist Association</b>						
Alaska Lu-Mienh First Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Anch Hope Comm Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Aquillaq Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calvary Baptist Church	\$475.00	\$871.00	\$0.00	\$1,128.00	\$0.00	\$2,474.00
Christ Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chugach Resort Ministries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cliffside Community Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cold Bay Chapel	\$183.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$183.80
Comm Baptist Church, Nome	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Filipino Bible Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church of Eagle River	\$5,709.11	\$915.15	\$0.00	\$6,493.50	\$0.00	\$13,117.76
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$7,307.98	\$6,227.55	\$0.00	\$12,993.00	\$0.00	\$26,528.53
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$2,383.00	\$1,142.00	\$0.00	\$953.00	\$0.00	\$4,478.00
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$200.00	\$442.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$642.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$1,183.00	\$1,022.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,205.00
Frontier Baptist Church	\$548.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$765.00	\$0.00	\$1,313.00
Grandview Baptist Church	\$6,339.27	\$1,785.00	\$15.00	\$9,574.15	\$20.00	\$17,733.42
Greater Friendship Bapt Church	\$1,545.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$1,845.00
Hillside Baptist Church	\$2,787.32	\$796.25	\$0.00	\$1,525.00	\$0.00	\$5,108.57
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$248.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.45	\$0.00	\$898.79
Kiana Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kobuk Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Korean New Central Bapt Church	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Mt Zion Missionary Bapt Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mountain View Comm Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$316.64	\$0.00	\$1,216.64
New Grace Christian Church	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$1,958.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$2,758.00
Rabbit Creek Community Church	\$333.37	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,833.37
River In The Desert Comm Church	\$386.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$386.00
Samoa Alaska Baptist Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Sand Point Baptist Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Shungnak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$2,527.70	\$4,148.83	\$0.00	\$3,620.09	\$0.00	\$10,296.62
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
True North Church	\$625.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$625.00
University Baptist Church	\$904.00	\$2,081.00	\$0.00	\$2,314.00	\$0.00	\$5,299.00
Valley View Baptist Church	\$975.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$724.00	\$0.00	\$1,699.00
Whittier Christian Community	\$0.00	\$98.00	\$0.00	\$256.00	\$0.00	\$354.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$39,568.89</b>	<b>\$21,308.78</b>	<b>\$365.00</b>	<b>\$45,292.83</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>\$106,555.50</b>
<b>Hatcher Pass Baptist Association</b>						
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$807.57	\$1,651.00	\$0.00	\$3,182.00	\$0.00	\$5,640.57
Bodenberg Butte Baptist Church	\$1,834.91	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$2,384.91
CrossCountry Church	\$300.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$1,229.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,903.25	\$0.00	\$5,133.02
Ekwo Christian Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$3,046.31	\$2,586.94	\$0.00	\$3,951.84	\$0.00	\$9,585.09
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$3,333.32	\$1,174.00	\$0.00	\$2,122.56	\$0.00	\$6,629.88
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$1,858.97	\$3,262.00	\$0.00	\$6,912.98	\$0.00	\$12,033.95
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$8,348.95	\$1,823.25	\$0.00	\$9,521.93	\$0.00	\$19,694.13
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$402.15	\$1,080.00	\$0.00	\$3,238.00	\$0.00	\$4,720.15
King Salmon Comm Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$681.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$490.00	\$0.00	\$1,171.40
North Bear St Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pioneer Baptist Church of Wasilla	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Schrock Road Community Church	\$0.00	\$1,188.00	\$0.00	\$1,122.20	\$0.00	\$2,310.20
Settler's Bay Community Church	\$1,222.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,222.20
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,165.55</b>	<b>\$13,515.19</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$36,144.76</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$72,825.50</b>
<b>Kenai Peninsula</b>						
College Heights Baptist Church	\$7,542.39	\$2,863.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,406.28
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$1,043.00	\$305.00	\$0.00	\$848.00	\$0.00	\$2,196.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$2,341.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,341.67
Moose Pass Community Church	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$80.00
Mount Redoubt Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,007.06</b>	<b>\$3,668.89</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,098.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$15,773.95</b>
<b>Other</b>						
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$120.00	\$2,526.25	\$0.00	\$85.00	\$25.00	\$2,756.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$120.00</b>	<b>\$2,526.25</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$85.00</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>\$2,756.25</b>

## January-February 2012 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
<b>Tanana Valley Baptist Association</b>						
Chinese Fellowship	\$131.50	\$332.00	\$0.00	\$280.00	\$0.00	\$743.50
Clearwater Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$1,094.00	\$1,620.00	\$0.00	\$4,232.22	\$0.00	\$6,946.22
Faith Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$481.00	\$1,253.00	\$0.00	\$1,628.00	\$0.00	\$3,362.00
Filipino Baptist Fellowship, Fairbanks	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Delta Jct	\$6,918.00	\$2,559.00	\$0.00	\$2,431.00	\$0.00	\$11,908.00
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$422.50	\$1,273.00	\$0.00	\$2,064.00	\$0.00	\$3,759.50
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$3,883.11	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$2,934.00	\$0.00	\$6,867.11
Friendship Baptist Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$831.00	\$0.00	\$931.00
Hispanic Mission	\$37.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$137.00
Korean Baptist Mission	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$1,614.85	\$260.43	\$0.00	\$783.05	\$0.00	\$2,658.33
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$1,496.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,336.00	\$0.00	\$3,832.52
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
North Star Baptist Church	\$42.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$766.08	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,086.08
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$1,878.14	\$463.00	\$0.00	\$551.00	\$0.00	\$2,892.14
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
University Baptist Church	\$1,573.00	\$1,767.00	\$0.00	\$3,510.35	\$0.00	\$6,850.35
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,887.70</b>	<b>\$9,922.43</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$23,705.62</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$54,515.75</b>
<b>Tongass Baptist Association</b>						
Anchor Baptist Church	\$740.30	\$379.00	\$0.00	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$1,329.30
Comm Bapt Church, Coffman Cove	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,350.00	\$0.00	\$1,470.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$613.39	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$295.00	\$0.00	\$1,108.39
Filipino Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$833.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$655.00	\$0.00	\$1,488.35
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$367.00	\$852.00	\$0.00	\$1,761.00	\$0.00	\$2,980.00
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$817.36	\$975.00	\$0.00	\$509.00	\$0.00	\$2,301.36
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$2,434.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,434.00
Hoonah Baptist Mission	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$410.00	\$0.00	\$470.00
Kasaan Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
North Tongass Baptist Church	\$227.50	\$695.00	\$0.00	\$575.00	\$0.00	\$1,497.50
Tenakee Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$128.19	\$24.00	\$0.00	\$16.00	\$0.00	\$168.19
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,927.09</b>	<b>\$5,559.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$5,791.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$15,277.09</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$98,676.29</b>	<b>\$56,500.54</b>	<b>\$365.00</b>	<b>\$112,117.21</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>	<b>\$267,704.04</b>
<b>Goals:</b>	<b>\$720,322.00</b>	<b>\$75,000.00</b>	<b>\$90,000.00</b>	<b>\$150,000.00</b>		
<b>Over/Under Goal:</b>	<b>(\$621,645.71)</b>	<b>(\$18,499.46)</b>	<b>(\$89,635.00)</b>	<b>(\$37,882.79)</b>		

### Legend:

CP:	Cooperative Program, January - December
SMO:	State Mission Offering, August - July
AA:	Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, January - December
LM:	Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, June - May
WH:	World Hunger, January - December

## Quarterly Goal is \$20,000 • 2,000 ppl x \$10



Received as of February 29, 2012:

First Quarter 2012	\$4410
Second Quarter 2012	\$505
Third Quarter 2012	\$465
Fourth Quarter 2012	\$465

It takes just 2,000 gifts of \$10 each quarter to accomplish the quarterly goal of \$20,000. Won't you join us and be part of expanding God's Kingdom in Alaska?

**There are currently 193 regular contributors...imagine how much more we could do with an additional 1807 contributors?**

Alaska Baptist Convention

**Please Pray for  
our Pastorless  
Churches**

### Chugach Baptist Association

- Aquillaq Baptist Church
- Kiana Baptist Mission
- Mountain View Community Church
- New Hope Baptist Church
- Sand Point Chapel
- Shungnak Baptist Mission
- University Baptist Church
- Valley View Baptist Church

### Hatcher Pass Baptist Association

- Ekwok Christian Church
- King Salmon Comm Baptist Chapel

### Tanana Valley Baptist Association

- Chinese Fellowship
- Moose Creek Baptist Church
- North Star Baptist Church
- Shannon Park Baptist Church

### Tongass Baptist Association

- Hoonah Baptist Mission
- North Tongass Baptist Church

by the numbers:

How many teens attend church  
on a regular basis?

66% of 14 year olds

68% of 15-16 year olds

58% of 17 year olds

44% of 18 year olds

Source: LifeWay Research, OnMission magazine, Fall 2011 issue



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April 26-28, 2012

# WE WOULD SEE JESUS

## REFRESH: Ministers and Spouses Retreat

Speakers from the Maryland/Delaware Baptist Convention:

Freddy Parker, Director of Partnership Missions

Gayla Parker, Director of Missions Customization

Location: First Baptist Church, Anchorage

Hotel: Clarion Suites

Cost: \$150 per couple, includes

two nights hotel, five meals and snacks

Registration deadline: April 1, 2012

To register visit [www.alaskabaptistconvention.com](http://www.alaskabaptistconvention.com) and click on events

### New Pastor/Full -Time Staff Orientation

#### Wednesday-Thursday

#### April 25-26

Wednesday, 6:00 dinner

Thursday, 9:00-4:30 with lunch

Alaska Baptist Convention office

1750 O'Malley Road, Anchorage

If you have not received your invitation,  
please contact Sylvia Rylander  
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## Mark Your Calendars!

### September 24-26, 2012

Rabbit Creek Community Church  
Anchorage

#### Monday, September 24

*Mission Rally*

#### Tuesday, September 25

*WMU Annual Meeting and Pastor's  
Conference*

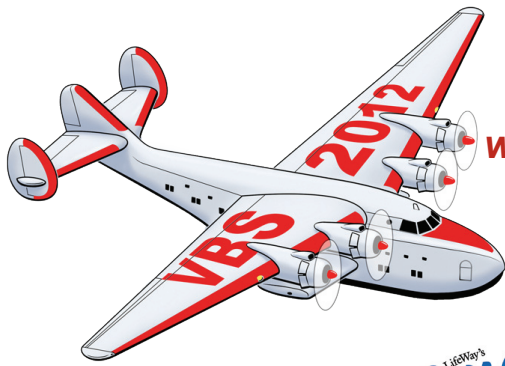
#### Tuesday, September 25-26

*Annual Convention Meeting*

Messenger Registration for the 67th Annual  
Meeting will be online only.

In late May, each church will receive an e-mail  
invitation to register messengers for the event.  
Registration will open June 1, 2012

Watch your e-mail inbox for more information.



# Vacation Bible School Training

with VBS music and motion composer Jeff Slaughter

**Monday, April 16, evening schedule**  
**Fairview Loop Baptist Church, Wasilla**  
*(deadline for meal sign-up, noon, April 13)*

**Tuesday, April 17, evening schedule**  
**First Baptist Church, Anchorage**  
*(deadline for meal sign-up, noon, April 13)*

**Thursday, April 19, evening schedule**  
**College Heights Baptist Church, Soldotna**  
*(deadline for meal sign-up, noon, April 17)*

**Saturday, April 21, morning schedule**  
**First Baptist Church, North Pole**  
*(deadline for meal sign-up, noon, April 19)*

## Break-outs for teachers:

- Tech and VBS
- Decorating in a Box
- Safety and Security
- Guiding Behavior
- Discipleship, Evangelism and Follow-up

## Base conferences for:

directors/pastors, preschool, children, VBX, crafts



### MORNING SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m. Break-outs for teachers; VBS Expo for children and parents  
 10:30 a.m. Brunch  
 11:15 a.m. Base Conferences for teachers; children and parents with Jeff Slaughter  
 12:30 p.m. Worship Rally with Jeff Slaughter  
 1:15 p.m. Dismiss

### EVENING SCHEDULE

5:00 p.m. Break-outs for teachers; VBS Expo for children and parents  
 6:00 p.m. Supper  
 6:45 p.m. Base Conferences for teachers; children and parents with Jeff Slaughter  
 8:00 p.m. Worship Rally with Jeff Slaughter  
 8:30 p.m. Dismiss

***sign-up online, [www.alaskabaptistconvention.com](http://www.alaskabaptistconvention.com)***

**Spring, according to Alfred, Lord Tennyson in his poem “Locksley Hall,” is when a young man’s fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love.**

It is not yet spring, nor am I a young man, but today my thoughts are of love: debating the age-old difference of “loving someone and being in love with someone.” I suspect the debate comes to me because I long for winter to be over, for the willows to bud and for the smell of new grass. Lately, I have been assaulted by the media’s attack on marriage and family, and the general lack of any evidence of love in our society. I believe I have earned the right to comment on love, marriage and family because on March 22 Babs and I celebrated 41 years of married life punctuated by the blessing of five children and ten grandchildren. Forty-one years is not a long time in relation to life span or other measurable events, and contrasted with eternity it is irrelevant. But when compared to most marriages today, it is a milestone

and an event worthy of celebration.

What is the difference between loving someone and being in love with someone? “Google” it and you will come up with page after page of opinions, theses, hyperbole and every manner of conjecture. The bottom line appears to be the quantifiable and qualifiable activity of the lover and the beloved - how much effort we put into the relationship in order to keep the fire burning! Do I work daily at advancing my affection for my bride or is it a laissez-faire approach to family and life? From a purely economic standpoint I have a huge investment in my marriage. But have I invested enough to be IN LOVE? Some days we invest a little less, some days a little more, but I always strive toward the goal of “being in love.”

You know, of course, the way this is headed...toward an appropriate relationship

with the Savior. What and how much of our lives do we invest to keep the fire burning? Christ gave His all because He is IN LOVE with us (Rom.5:8). Everything Christ did on earth was for our benefit and in Heaven He continues to be our advocate. He will return for us one day. His desire is that we give our all because we want to be IN LOVE with Him. “Love the Lord your God with **all** your heart and with **all** your soul and with **all** your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself” (Matt 22:37-39) How much is “all”? Maybe that’s the root of the problem...maybe we think all is too much to be IN Love with Christ. Father, thank you for the privilege of loving you, and through your Son to understand what love really is!



by Alan Dial  
 Alaska Native  
 Church Planter Catalyst



# MILEPOST MOMENTS

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## **New Hope Baptist Church, Anchorage**

Rosa Foster, long-time member of NHBC was one of the African-American pioneers featured on KTUU during Black History Month in February. Go to the KTUU archives online to see a clip of Rosa, along with an accompanying article.

## **Camp Baldwin, Delta Junction**

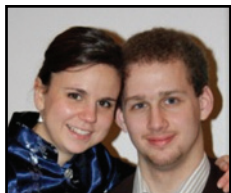
Listed are the summer camps for Camp Baldwin: June 27-29 (K-2nd grade); July 2-6 (grades 3-4); July 9-13 (grades 5-6); July 16-20 (grades 7-8); July 23-27 (grades 9-12).

## **Grandview Baptist Church, Anchorage**

Mike Blakeney, Minister of Youth and Community Outreach at GBC, was awarded his Master of Arts in Religion (with Evangelism and Church Planting concentration) from Liberty University on March 9.

## **Emmanuel Baptist Church, Juneau**

On February 23, EBC installed Nathaniel (Dominika) Buck as pastor. Guests for the installation were Steve Bass (regional vice-president, NAMB); Terry Burr (regional accountant, NAMB); Joe Boney (Tongass Baptist Association CPC); Butch Strickland (ABC Director of Church Planting and Missions); Mike Procter (ABC Executive Director); Gordon Mills (pastor, Glacier Valley Baptist Church); Peter Oh (pastor, Juneau Korean Baptist Church); and Todd and Jodie Buck (Nathan's parents and pastoral couple at Tenakee Springs). Following the installation, the congregation hosted a finger food potluck.



## **Community Baptist Church, Nome**

CBC welcomed over 200 volunteers in town for the Iditarod. Pastor Bruce Landry is working to provide "Wordsearch Bible", a ministry tools for Bush native pastors. To assist with this effort, please contact him at ranger1401@hotmail.com.

## **Shannon Park Baptist Church, Fairbanks**

SPBC said farewell to their pastor Kelly (Cathy) Weaver in March. After a visit to family in the Lower 48, the Weaver's will serve as missionaries in Korea. If you would like to support them, please contact the church office (907-452-4098) for additional information.

## **Valley View Baptist Church, Eagle River**

Pastor John Jemar has resigned his position at VVBC to become assistant dean at Wayland Baptist University in Anchorage. His last day at Valley View will be April 15.

## **University Baptist Church, Fairbanks**

The UBC college/career group will have a Passover meal on Good Friday. Preschool ministries is hosting an Easter party on April 7; the choir and bell choir will perform a musical at 6:00 p.m. on April 8, followed by a potluck. Several women from the church will attend the Women on Mission Celebration in Anchorage, April 12-14. The annual Garden Lunch and Plant Exchange will be held at Faith Baptist Church on April 28. UBC began another 13-week series of DivorceCare, but anyone can join at any time. Call the church for additional information.

## **Fairview Loop Baptist Church, Wasilla**

FLBC held the RA/GA derby car races and had a bake sale for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. They will host Vacation Bible School Training for the Hatcher Pass Baptist Association churches on April 16. FLBC youth will take a mission trip to Kodiak June 1-12 and will have their VBS June 25-29. A mission work team will be helping with phase 2 of the church building project.

## **First Baptist Church, Petersburg**

FBC held a "Spring Fling" for the community on March 10. They offered free childcare, hot dogs, drinks and cookies and children enjoyed the "bounce house" borrowed from the Tongass Baptist Association.



## **Winter Youth Celebration, October 19-20**

Location is First Baptist Church, Fairbanks; featured speaker is Tim Bertram ([www.godsgraffiti.org](http://www.godsgraffiti.org)). Visit [www.akwyc.com](http://www.akwyc.com) for additional information, registration deadlines and cost.

## **Pew Research Center**

A recent survey by PRC showed that compared with the nation as a whole, Alaska is home to a higher-than-average

## **Condolences to Mike Procter**

in the loss of his father, Robert Procter, who died March 6 in Whittier, California. As many of you may recall, Bob was saved at the age of 80 and baptized in September 2011. If you would like to send a note to Mike, you may do so by e-mailing [mike@alaska-baptistconvention.com](mailto:mike@alaska-baptistconvention.com). Any gifts in Bob's name should be made to the Valeria Sherard State Mission offering.

number of people who are unaffiliated with any particular religion. More than one-in-four Alaskans (27%) describe their religion as atheist, agnostic or nothing in particular, compared with 16% among the adult population of the U.S. In this respect, Alaska closely resembles some other Northwestern states, included Oregon and Washington. See the full article at <http://pewresearch.org>.



In many ways, the United States is a land of plenty. But for 49 million American, hunger is a daily reality. At least 1 in 6 Americans, including 1 in 4 children, don't have enough food. Many families are forced to choose between buying food or paying their mortgage each month. Your gifts to the Domestic Hunger Fund allow missionaries and ministries in North American to meet the most basic needs of those around them in an effort to meet their ultimate need for Jesus Christ. Visit [www.namb.net/hunger](http://www.namb.net/hunger) to find out how you can help.

Source: US Dept of Agriculture; Fall 2011, OnMission magazine

**Alaska Baptist Convention  
Executive Board Meeting Board Actions  
February 1, 2012**

1. Approved the minutes of the November 14-15, 2011, Executive Board Meeting.
2. Approved the December 31, 2011, ABC Financial Reports.
3. Approved removing Accounts 1211, 1212, 1228, 1229, 1252, 1253, 9003, 9004, 8147, 8148, 8401, and 8403 from the ABC financial statements and creating income accounts to record the earnings from these trust fund accounts.
4. Approved replacing Don Shannon with Durward "Butch" Strickland as a check signer for ABC.
5. Approved adding the following to Policies and Procedures Manual Part III, Section III:  
"The Alaska Baptist Convention will use the MACRS straight-line depreciation system. Under this system, the asset classes and depreciation periods are:

Computers	5 years
Automobiles	5 years
Fixtures & Equipment	7 years
Buildings	39 years

D. All reimbursements over \$5.00 must be accompanied by a receipt for the expense. Each receipt will be documents to include who, when, amount, where, and business purpose for the expense. It is the responsibility of the individual generating the expense to show proof via a receipt. If the individual cannot show proof of the expense that is over \$5.00, then the individual making the expense is liable for the payment. All check requests must be made on the appropriate form. (See Appendix D for General Check Requests, Appendix E for Mileage Reimbursements, and Appendix F for Executive Board or Event expenses).
6. Approved the recommendation to have the Missions Committee and the state Director of Church Planting and Missions of ABC be responsible for determining the financial need of pastors/missionaries requesting emergency travel assistance. The Pastor/Missionary Emergency Travel Assistance Form is to be submitted to the ABC Missions and Church Development Committee for determination then given to the Alaska Baptist Foundation (ABF) before money is provided. These monies are the earnings generated by the Meeks Trust Fund held by ABF.
7. Approved the recommendation to provide up to \$5,000 to Kodiak Island Outreach to purchase Bible study materials and supplies. Funds will come from Account 8575 Church Strengthening Fund and be given to Chugach Baptist Association upon receipts provided.
8. Approved the recommendation to provide \$2,000 to Eagle River Korean Baptist Church to purchase the Bethel Bible Series Layman's Study written by Christian Koreans for Korean men. The church expects 10 men to participate in this two-year study. Funds will come from Account 8575 Church Strengthening Fund and be given to Chugach Baptist Association upon receipts provided.
9. Approved the recommendation to provide \$943.00 to Whittier Christian Community Church to purchase a video projector and associated equipment for worship services. Funds will come from Account 8575 Church Strengthening Fund and be given to Chugach Baptist Association upon receipts provided.
10. Approved correcting the Committee on Boards Report of September 2011 to change Frank Taylor's term to first term that will expire in 2014.
11. Approved the recommendation to add to the Policies and Procedures Manual Part I, Article VI, Item 5a the following: Reimbursements will be administered upon the completion of an Alaska Baptist Convention Expense Form (See PP Manual Part III Appendix F) and the Executive Board Meeting Travel and Hotel Coordination Form (See PP Manual Part I, Appendix 2). Board members must use the convention hotel so ABC can get the discount for the room. If the Board member chooses to use a different hotel, he/she would be responsible for the cost without reimbursement.

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**On** Thursday, April 5, we will celebrate the completion of the first course at the Alaska Bible Training Center for Pastors (ABTCP). Eight students from Southcentral Alaska will have successfully completed "Bible Study Methods and Rules of Interpretation" as they work toward their certification by ABTCP. The full course of studies is designed to equip pastors, lay pastors, elders, evangelists or deacons with the knowledge and skills sufficient to engage their church in advancing the Kingdom and evangelizing the lost. The curriculum of ABTCP is uniquely Bible-centered, and along with ten custom designed, self-contained, and comprehensive course manuals provides the equivalent of a foundational level Bible college/seminary education. The courses are interrelated and integrated. The basic teaching and learning processes utilized in ATBCP are best described as an "ongoing process of assimilation" of knowledge and skills in a relational/interactive context without the use

## What is ABTCP?

of traditional testing and measuring devices. The students hear, see, study and personally practice what they are learning in class time; review and re-statement; study and reading periods; and their ministry involvements.

ABTCP will begin its second semester on April 25, 2012 with two classes, "Bible Study Methods and Interpretation" and "Old Testament Survey." Anyone who senses a call on their life to share and disciple the Gospel is encouraged to engage in preparation for that call by joining us at ABTCP. Enrollment will close April 25. Please call Alan Dial or Butch Strickland at the Alaska Baptist Convention office for more information (907.344-9627, 800. 883.9627).





**Mike Procter**  
*Executive Director*

As I write this, it is February 29, 2012...Leap Year day; an event that occurs once every four years, in years divisible by four. In my 61 years on this planet, I have experienced 15 leap years.

On Leap Year day 2012, two significant events stand out: first, I had the joy of shoveling several inches of new snow in the morning with the expectation of shoveling more in the evening; second, when I opened my chronological Bible for my daily reading there was no devotion for February 29. Evidently, according to those who compiled the chronological Bible, February 29 does not exist.

I began thinking about what the Bible has to say about “day.” A few of the instances I remembered are: “...this is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it...”; “...we must do the works while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work...”; “...with the Lord, one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day...”; “...now is the day of salvation...”; “...Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever...”; “...no one knows the day and the hour of my return...”. There are many verses dealing with “day.”

Every day (even Leap Year day) is a gift from the Lord and we need to be about His work, will and way for our lives. We must be burdened to share His word with others so they will come to know Him as their Lord and Savior. As we share the good news of Jesus Christ, we have confidence He is unchanging and the message of the Bible is as applicable today as it was 2000 years ago. We can rejoice in each day He has given us, even as we shovel several inches of snow and daydream about the sunny, sandy, surf-filled beaches of Hawaii.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving you. Remember, the Alaska Baptist Convention exists to assist our congregations to SEEK Christ, SHARE Christ, STRENGTHEN congregations, START congregations and SEND Christians. If any of your Alaska Baptist Convention missionaries can assist your congregation, please do not hesitate to call.

Have a blessed day in the Lord!



**Jimmy Stewart**  
*Director of Evangelism, Prayer  
and Collegiate Ministries*

The last two months, I have shared ways to pray for the lost, specifically, praying they would be aware of God, and their attitude toward God would be positive. I want to conclude this series with a few thoughts about praying about a lost person's actions. Just like awareness and attitudes, we should pray for the actions of someone who needs to know Christ. People take actions in their lives, good and bad. We need to pray the actions they take are not driving a wedge between themselves and God. They may believe there is a God and be aware of their need for God, and they may not have had a bad experience that made their attitude toward God a negative one. But, their actions may be such that they are negative toward having a relationship with God. They just may not want to come to know Christ. They may be living lives of carefree activity, involved in their own pleasures and with no desire to change. They don't want to have God, the “cosmic killjoy,” tell them what to do or restrict their freedom. Other people are busy and have active lifestyles; they are just not obedient to God's presence in their lives. In both examples, decisions made are keeping them from coming to Christ. Pray these people might experience some life-changing event that points them to Christ. Pray they would see the difference between living a “good life” and a life that has eternal meaning. Pray they might get involved in some cause or mission of the church. Pray their actions are not so destructive they feel God could never accept them. I have had people tell me God would never allow them to enter heaven because they have done too many bad things and their guilt is overwhelming. But you know as well as I do, the Apostle Paul is a good example of the forgiveness of Christ. What actions are hindering your friend from coming to Christ? Pray those actions become repulsive to them; that they would become sickened every time they started to engage in that activity. Pray the Holy Spirit would set them free from the addictions and desires driving them down the wide road to destruction. We need to be praying for people who need Christ. Pray they become aware of the great love of our great God. Pray they have a positive attitude toward His love. Pray that nothing in their lives will keep them from giving their hearts to Christ. Pray that neither past nor present actions hinder their surrender to our Lord.

This month we are having our Vacation Bible School (VBS) training clinics. Jeff Slaughter, international songwriter and artist for all of the VBS music and motions, will be our guest at the clinics. Invite parents and children to this training to spend time with Jeff as he teaches the meaning behind the songs. This will be a great evangelistic opportunity for our churches. We will end each clinic with an invitation and a clear gospel presentation. Please register for this training event at [www.alaska-baptistconvention.com](http://www.alaska-baptistconvention.com). Your VBS training team is excited to share the new curriculum with you. Call me if you have questions.





**Butch Strickland**  
*Director of Church Planting  
 and Missions*

“And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law. To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all *men that I might by all means save some.*”

1 Cor 9:20-22

It's a strange new world we live in! Now, what do we call this newest generation? They are certainly not “Baby Boomers” – they are old now! I think “Generation X” has passed from vogue and I think this newest generation is called the “Millenials.” Whatever we call the newest generation, for we “old guys” it is a strange new world in which we live!

Dave Marinaccio, the author of *All I Really Need to Know I learned from Watching Star Trek* states, “Every situation one might ever confront in life has already been faced by the crew of the Starship Enterprise. Throughout their long voyage, they've learned how to treat their friends, get ahead on the job, and bandage wounded silicon-based life-forms...Should I encounter a strange new world, I explore it, even if I have to boldly go where no man has gone before.”

When Paul had a moment to reflect on his ministry, he came to the conclusion that whatever it took for him to save some, he would do. For him, being a Jew was natural; he was a Jew and he remained such in order to gain the lost for the kingdom of God. For those who were under the law, he became one of them (even though he knew that he was no longer under the law) in order to gain them for the kingdom. To the weak he became weak. Paul became all things to all men so that He might, by all means, save some. All things, all men, all means. Don't you get the impression Paul was willing to do whatever it took?

I know this new world we live in looks awfully strange to us. But believe it or not, the “Millenials” are not silicon-based life forms. They are real people with real needs trying to live in a real world. Maybe our response to them should be that of the crew of the Starship Enterprise -- if we encounter a strange new world, we will explore it, learn from it, value its contributions, reject its shortcomings, but “by all means, we will save some.”

**Alaska Baptist Foundation Board of Trustees**  
**Summary Board Actions**  
**November 10, 2011**

1. Establish the use of an Alaska Airlines business credit card with all benefits accruing to the Foundation. Specific guidelines concerning card limits to be worked out between Foundation management and the Chair of the Finance Committee.
2. Modified the spending policy of the Foundation to pay a 4.75% of a funds value based on September 30 of the current year for next year distributions to ministry causes. Or if a fund has insufficient market value as deemed by policy to pay out 4.75%, then 90% of realized earnings for the year based on October 1- September 30 earned in the current year, is distributed in the next year for the various ministry causes. Additionally, reinstate 25 basis point (.25%) management fees for all accounts under Foundation management regardless of accounts market value.
3. Approved the 2012 Foundation operation budget.
4. Approved the concept of incorporating notes to the financial statements to be worked on with the Finance Committee. Set a \$2000 per item threshold for capitalizing assets, any amount smaller than \$2000 will be experienced in the year of purchase.
5. Set the Fuhr scholarship limit for 2012-2013 academic year at ten scholarships of \$1,200 each.

The Alaska Baptist Foundation wishes to share the following, received from North Tongass Baptist Church:

“Thank you for sharing with our pastor and his wife, Mike and Kim Hatter. Your contribution of \$1,000, along with contributions from sixteen other churches and individuals made it possible for them to move closer to family and needed medical attention. We were able to pay the movers as well as send financial assistance with them. We are all encouraged in Christ when we join together as one. May we all be found faithful in service to our Lord.

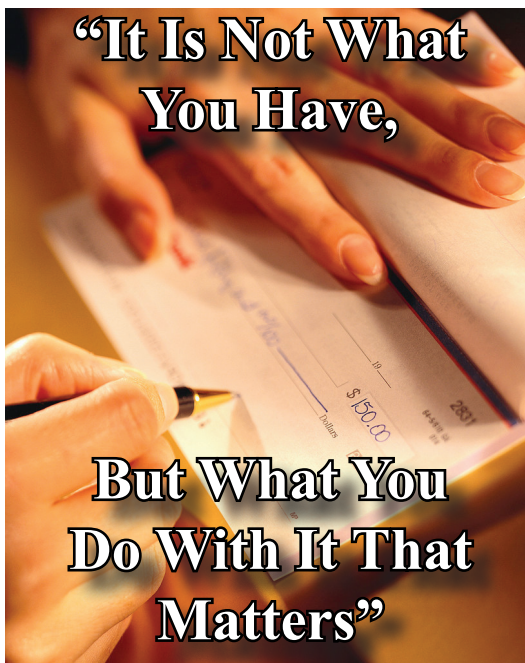
Yours in Christ,  
 North Tongass Baptist Church”



# Foundation Builder

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This past summer millions were drawn to the sixteen team FIFA Women's World Cup of Soccer. During the final match in Frankfurt, Germany between the United States and eventual winner Japan, I heard a radio announcer with a thick Irish brogue comment regarding the overwhelmingly lopsided number of possessions or scoring opportunities of the U.S. team, "I had an old footballer coach that always said it is not the number of possessions that you have, but what you do when you have them that counts." When I heard this, I thought that this commentator had unknowingly given his worldwide listening audience not just a truism of the sports world, but of life and of Christian stewardship.



Most realize that our American culture is consumed with the pursuit or accumulation of possessions. Have you noticed the number of mini-storage units or extra attics around? We have an insatiable desire to have the latest electronic gadget in our hands, the trendiest fashions or designer clothes on our backs, a 3D television on our walls, and a car in the garage that reads our text messages to us as we drive. Subconsciously, we are bombarded with the message that if we simply have the latest and greatest of everything, we will somehow be much happier and fulfilled.

A few years ago, the Richmond Times-Dispatch newspaper carried the sad news of the passing of Thomas Cannon, the self-described "Poor Man's Philanthropist." Some may recall that Cannon was a retired postal worker who gave away checks often in \$1000 increments to needed, unusually kind or courageous individuals he read about in the newspaper. When Cannon died in 2005 from colon cancer, it was estimated that he had given away over \$150,000 in 33 years often to unsuspecting individuals. All this from one who lived much of his life on the salary of a civil servant near the edge of poverty. It truly was the classic not rags to riches story, but rags and riches story.

In my nearly fifteen years of ministry and service at the Virginia Baptist Foundation, I have learned of or had the privilege to know benevolent individuals who too felt compelled to use

their possessions or entire estates to make transformative gifts to advance Kingdom causes:

- A one-time cab driver and used car salesman who left a nine-figure gift (the Foundation's largest to date) for the care of his beloved church;
- An insurance man and his wife, he "the consummate Virginia Gentlemen", who too left a nine-figure gift through the Foundation for scholarships and to nine different charitable organizations;
- Yet another mail carrier who utilized the "Give It Twice" concept of giving to leave hundreds of thousands of dollars to national and international missions endeavors;
- Finally, a retired school teacher and widowed pastor's wife who has funded six different charitable gift annuities

through the Foundation to support the charities of her choice.

These saints join others who names are legion in practicing and modeling for this and future generations a great and timeless truth: It is not what you have, but what you do with it that matters.

Finally, it has been said that the world asks, "What does a man own?" Christ asked, "What do you do with it?" While other sayings of the Master contain words of life regarding kingdom life, prayer, and discipleship, these are the seminal words of Christian Stewardship. If your Foundation can assist you in becoming a better steward of your possessions through charitable estate planning, please call.

**"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess."**

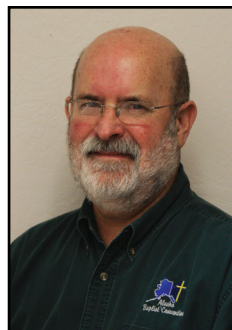
**Martin Luther**

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# Grandma's Flour Bin

Mike Procter  
Executive Director/Treasurer



As I write this, YouTube is circulating a video of two preschool boys and their adventures with a sack of flour. Flour is spread over everything and everywhere in the family's living room and you can see from the video, it is a tremendous mess. I cannot imagine the hours and hours of labor it took to clean up. In the video, you can hear the mom saying "oh no!" and "oh, my gosh!" I must admit she was much more patient and controlled than I would have been.

As I watched the video, I remembered the 1950s and my Grandma Vanderpool's kitchen in Long Beach, California. Grandpa and Grandma Vanderpool's house was the gathering place for family reunions, holidays and special occasions. If everyone came, there were 25 of us in a 900-sq-ft house with one bathroom. Because of limited seating and lack of space, grandchildren were hustled outside and only allowed back inside to load up dinner plates or to use the bathroom. One of my favorite family photographs is of all the grandchildren sitting on the curb, each eating a slice of watermelon with juice running down arms. What a great memory.

Another fond memory is of my grandmother's flour bin. I don't know why she allowed it, but when I was visiting by myself, she would let me play in the flour. I would get out measuring cups, pots and pans, spoons and anything else I could get my hands on and would stay busy for hours. While the "damage" was not as extensive as

that on the YouTube video, flour would be spread across the floor, behind the flour bin, in my pockets and pants cuffs, in my ears, nose and anywhere and anything else I might have touched. As a grandfather myself, I allow my grandchildren to do things my boys were never allowed to do. Hopefully, my grandchildren are building memories. Will they remember that every Sunday afternoon, after I dished up the ice cream, piled on the whipped cream, poured on the chocolate sauce, put on the candy sprinkles, I would have them open their mouths really wide so I could pour chocolate sauce and squirt whipped cream directly into their mouths? Why would I do that? It's a "grandpa thing!"

What type of memory or legacy are you leaving? How do you wish to be remembered after you have gone to be with the Lord? The Alaska Baptist Foundation is able to assist you in leaving a Christian legacy. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Adam Long at 907-770-0581 or 800-883-9627 (adam@alaskabaptistfoundation.com), David Baldwin at 907-229-7483 (davidbaldwin316@gmail.com) or me at 907-344-9627 or 800-883-9627 (mike@alaskabaptistconvention.com). We would be honored to share how you may be able to build a memory of your faith in, and commitment to, the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessings!

## Do You Know the ABCs

### of Estate Planning?

Everyone needs to know their ABCs and every adult needs to know the impact that proper planning can have on their loved ones and ministry. Many think it seems too complicated. These are the facts:

**A** All adults have an estate plan. However, as many as 70% of adults don't have an estate plan that will consider their personal wishes.

**B** Before you die is the time to prepare your personal estate plan. (After you die, you get the one the state has prepared for you.)

**C** Completing a plan is simpler than you think.

The Alaska Baptist Foundation staff would be happy to visit you or your church to share ways you can provide for your loved ones and the Lord's work through proper planning. You will learn about how you can leave a legacy of faith and giving for future generations. If you or your church would like to speak to a Foundation representative, please contact us at [www.alaskabaptistfoundation.com](http://www.alaskabaptistfoundation.com).

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## Forrest and Sybillia Fuhr Memorial Scholarship for 2012-2013

### **Application deadline is April 30, 2012**

A total of up to ten (10) scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$1200 each for the year (full-time status only). The funds may be used for tuition, room and board, fees or books. Award notification letters are mailed by May 31, 2012. The 2012 application and brochure are available online at [www.alaskabaptistfoundation.com](http://www.alaskabaptistfoundation.com) (click on "services"). If you have questions, please contact Adam Long, [foundation@alaskabaptistfoundation.com](mailto:foundation@alaskabaptistfoundation.com), (907)770-0581, (800)883-9627.

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### April 2012

1	SBC Seminaries Sunday	20-26	Baptist Association Emphasis
1	Palm Sunday	22	Day of Prayer and Fasting
8	Easter Sunday		for World Evangelization
8-9	TBA annual meeting	28	ABC and ABF office closed for Memorial Day
12-14	Women on Mission Celebration		
15	Life Commitment Sunday		
15-20	Baptist Doctrine Study		
16	VBS Training Clinic, Fairview Loop		
17	VBS Training Clinic, FBC Anchorage		
19	VBS Training Clinic, College Heights		
21	VBS Training Clinic, FBC North Pole		
22	Cooperative Program Sunday		
25	New Pastor and full-time staff orientation		
26-28	Ministers and Spouses Retreat		

### June 2012

18	WMU National Annual Meeting
17	Baptist Men's Emphasis
17-23	Training Teens Today (T3)
19-20	Annual Southern Baptist Convention
24	Mission: Dignity Sunday

### May 2012

6	Senior Adult Sunday
7-8	ABC Executive Board meeting
10	ABF Trustee meeting
13-19	Christian Home Week



*Happy Easter from the staff of the Alaska Baptist Convention and Foundation:  
 Mike Procter, Jimmy Stewart, Butch Strickland, Robbie Courtney, Alan Dial, Adam Long, Debra Long, Sylvia Rylander and Betsy Shilling*